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SUBJECT: SUGGESTED PRESS STATEMENT FOR AMB VANCE

REF: MEXICO 880

SUMMARY: REQUEST COMMENTS ON SUGGESTED CONTINGENCY PRESS
STATEMENT FOR USE BY AMB VANCE. END SUMMARY.

1. MEXICO CITY NEWSPAPER EXCELSIOR CARRIED FRONT PAGE STORY
(JAN 21) ORIGINATING WASHINGTON, D.C., OF INTERVIEW WITH
CONGRESSMEN WOLFF AND GILMAN UPON THEIR RETURN FROM LATIN
AMERICA AND MEXICO (SEE REFTEL). CONGRESSMAN WOLFF WAS
QUOTED AS SAYING AMBASSADOR VANCE IS EMBARKING UPON TOUR
SIMILAR TO THEIRS (SIC) AND WILL VISIT MEXICO, AMONG OTHER
COUNTRIES.

2. EMBASSY FEELS FRONT PAGE STORY MAY PIQUE LOCAL PRESS
INTEREST IN VISIT, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF RECENT PUBLICITY
GIVEN TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION
OF TWIN COMMISSIONS TO MEET CHALLENGE OF DRUG PROBLEM.
ALTHOUGH EMBASSY DOES NOT EXPECT LOCAL PRESS CORPS TO BE
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PRESENT AT AIRPORT FOR AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL, HE SHOULD

NEVERTHELESS BE PREPARED TO MAKE A BRIEF STATEMENT, IF NECESSARY. STATEMENT WOULD ALSO HELP CIRCUMVENT AIRPORT PRESS CONFERENCE IN THE EVENT THAT MEDIA COVERS AMBASSADOR'S ARRIVAL. EMBASSY PRESS OFFICE WOULD ALSO DRAW ON STATEMENT IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES REGARDING VISIT.

3. SUGGESTED STATEMENT AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE FIRST OF ALL, I AM DELIGHTED ONCE AGAIN TO BE IN YOUR BEAUTIFUL CITY, WHICH HAS AN INTERNATIONAL REPUTATION FOR ITS TRADITIONAL HOSPITALITY AND FRIENDSHIP. MY VISIT HERE IS A CONTINUATION OF A SERIES OF CLOSE CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ON THE GRAVE PROBLEM WHICH THE NARCOTICS TRAFFIC POSES FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES. DURING MY STAY I WILL MEET WITH MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S RECENT AND VERY WELCOME PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF TWIN, NATIONAL COMMISSIONS AS A HIGH-LEVEL MECHANISM TO WORK TOWARD THE ELIMINATION OF OUR MUTUAL DRUG PROBLEMS. AT THIS TIME, I HAVE NO FURTHER COMMENTS. UNQUOTE

4. REQUEST AMB VANCE DEPT COMMENTS URGENTLY.
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